

March 7, 2018

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Kearsarge Telephone Company - Notice of Network Change

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 51.332 of the Commission's rules, Kearsarge Telephone Company ("Kearsarge") hereby submits the attached Notice of Network Change. Specifically, Kearsarge provides notification to the Commission of the replacement of copper distribution and loop facilities with fiber-to-the-home facilities at a certain digital service area (DSA) located in New London, New Hampshire. Upon completion, Kearsarge will provide services through its fiber optic network.

This project impacts only local exchange customer lines; Kearsarge does not have any carrier customers. The majority of customers served by copper at these locations purchase "plain old telephone service" (POTS). Following transition to fiber, Kearsarge will continue to offer these customers the same POTS service over fiber at the same or better price as they received on copper facilities. There will be no change in the underlying features and functionalities in their service: this is not a transition to IP-based service, and Kearsarge will offer these customers the same regulated service they have today.

Concurrent with this filing, and in accordance with Section 51.332(b)(4) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this Notice of Network Change is being submitted to the Secretary of Defense, the Governor of the State of New Hampshire, and the New Hampshire Public Utility Commission.

Please contact me should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Jennifer R. Heise

Manager - Regulatory Compliance

Attachments

NOTICE OF NETWORK CHANGE UNDER RULE 51.332

March 7, 2018

Carrier: Kearsarge Telephone Company, 242 Main Street, New London, NH 03257 **Contact:** For additional information on these planned network changes, please contact:

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Implementation Date: On or after September 3, 2018

Planned Network Change(s) Will Occur at the Following DSAs:

Locations

Retirement of copper network facilities in the area listed in Exhibit A

DSA 01605 – 63 Deer Path Road, New London, NH

Description of the Planned Network Change(s):

Kearsarge intends to retire a number of copper facilities in the DSA locations listed on the attached Exhibits to provide services over a fiber network infrastructure. Kearsarge has deployed its fiber-to-the-home network in the areas identified in Exhibits A.

Description of Reasonably Foreseeable Impact(s) of the Planned Change(s):

After the retirement of the copper facilities, Kearsarge will: (1) no longer offer services over copper facilities; and (2) cease maintaining the copper facilities. These retirements will have no impact on the services provided to the retail customers served by the copper facilities that will be retired. Further, there will be no changes to rates, terms and conditions.

Exhibit A

The copper facilities associated with the following addresses served by Kearsarge's DSA located at 63 Deer Path Road, New London, NH - NWLNNH01605.

Community	Street	Building Number
New London	Lakeshore Drive	706, 742

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer R. Heise, do hereby certify that on this 7th day of March, 2018, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Network Change via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

Secretary of Defense Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications The Pentagon Washington, DC 20301

Office of the Governor State House 107 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

New Hampshire Public Utility Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Jennifer R Heise